



Kalkaska Public Schools

*Board of Education Regular Meeting – MINUTES
Monday, March 23, 2026*

*Rapid City Elementary
5258 River Street
Rapid City, MI 49676
5:30 p.m.*

Members Present: Dr. Richard Hodgman, Steve Ordway, Mitch Saxton, Mary Scobey, Chase Stevenson, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy

Staff Present: Superintendent, Rick Heitmeyer, Human Resource Director, David Alan Tucker, Director of Business Services, Jeffrey Scroggins, Principals, Staci Short and Ryan Moore, Dean of Students, Kevin Malbouef and Executive Administrative Assistant, Cari Jo Roberts

Others Present: 12

1. Call to Order	
	The meeting was called to order by Rachael Birgy, at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	
3. Approval of/Amendment to the Agenda	
	Motion by Steve Ordway, support by Mitch Saxton to approve the agenda as presented/amended. Motion Carried 7 to 0.
4. Consent Agenda Items	
	Motion by Wendy Watson, support by Chase Stevenson, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Minutes from the regular meeting on February 16, 2026, as presented· Payment of General, Bond and Athletic fund bills, as presented· Hiring of staff (pending cleared background checks): <i>Ancillary Staff:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">· Carter England, JV Baseball Coach Motion Carried 7 to 0.
5. Student / Staff Recognition	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Kalkaska Upper Elementary Principal Mr. Ryan Moore recognizing students Kaden Watson and Riley Robert· Rapid City Elementary Dean of Students Mr. Malbouef recognizing students Azelle Finley-Underhill and Camille Dubay along with staff members Madonna Kapcia and Robyn Czuk
6. Public Communication	

- None.

7. Superintendent Update (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)

- Teach!Michigan Mississippi (1) (2) (3) (6)
- Need two members to pass out diplomas (4) (5)
 - May 21 practice will be after breakfast and slideshow, roughly 10 a.m.
 - May 21 report to KHS Auditorium 6:15 p.m.
 - May 21 Graduation begins at 7 p.m. in the HS Gymnasium
- Spring Sports (4) (5) (6)
- School Tours with Board and Rapid City staff (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
- Northern Express Fascinating People – Coltrane Paryani (4) (5)
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8. Discussion Items

- Bring the Heat Official Brand Style Guide
- 27I Funds - Disbursement
- Overnight Volleyball Trip
- Integrated Designs Incorporated (IDI) / Triangle Construction Plan Update
- Food Service
- Building Level Reports
- Closed Session

9. Blazer Board Briefs



Resignations and Retirements:

- Kim Cotton, Retiring at end of school year – YOU WILL BE MISSED! Have fun!
- Jenny Patton, Retiring AGAIN at the end of the school year – THANK YOU AGAIN!
- Tom Wolfe, Freshman Boys’ Basketball Coach

10. Action Items

- Bring the Heat Official Brand Style Guide***
Motion by Mitch Saxton, support by Steve Ordway, that the Board of Education approves the *Bring the Heat Official Brand Style Guide*, as presented and discussed.

Motion Carried 7 to 0.

Ayes: Mitch Saxton, Steve Ordway, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Mary Scobey, Chase Stevenson, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy
- 27I Funds - Disbursement***
Motion by Dr. Richard Hodgman, support by Chase Stevenson, that the Board of Education approves Superintendent Heitmeyer to work collectively with both unions on the disbursement of 27I funds to KPS employees.

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Mission — Supporting families to build successful students.

	<p>Motion Carried 7 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Dr. Richard Hodgman, Chase Stevenson, Steve Ordway, Mitch Saxton, Mary Scobey, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy</p>
c.	<p><i>Overnight Volleyball Athletic Trip</i></p> <p>Motion by Steve Ordway, support by Mary Scobey, that the Board of Education approves the JV and varsity volleyball teams to attend team camp at Ferris State University in July, as presented and discussed.</p> <p>Motion Carried 7 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Steve Ordway, Mary Scobey, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Mitch Saxton, Chase Stevenson, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy</p>
d.	<p><i>Closed Session</i></p> <p>Motion by Mitch Saxton, support by Steve Ordway, that the Board of Education approves to go into closed session to discuss attorney client privileged information.</p> <p><i>Time In: 6:03 p.m.</i> <i>Time Out: 8:01 p.m.</i> <i>*No action resulted from closed session</i></p> <p>Motion Carried 7 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Mitch Saxton, Steve Ordway, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Mary Scobey, Chase Stevenson, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy</p>
11.	Adjournment
	<p>Motion by Steve Ordway, support by Wendy Watson, to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion Carried 7 to 0.</p> <p>Time adjourned: 8:01 p.m.</p>